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### State Awards \$965,185 in Training Acceleration Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (June 23, 2006) - The Indiana Department of Workforce Development and Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$965,185 in Training Acceleration Grants to 10 Indiana companies.

Through the Training Acceleration Grant program employers can earn financial assistance to further the skills of their workforce through advanced training. This grant program established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2001 is the primary workforce training program in the state.

“We are very excited to award the Training Acceleration Grant to Indiana businesses,” said Ron Stiver, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. “The grant provides the financial assistance employers need to expand the skills of their workers and ensure a positive future for the Hoosier Workforce. This grant also allows individuals to increase their marketability and develop skills needed for high wage positions.”

“Training Acceleration Grants allow employers to give their workers the tools they need to be competitive in the global marketplace,” said Michael S. Maurer, secretary of Commerce and president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier Workforce.

The following were awarded grants:

| Employer                                 | City       | County   | Employment | Trainees | Award         | Outcomes                  |
|--|------------|----------|------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Eaton Corporation<br>Truck<br>Components | Greenfield | Hancock  | 116        | 76       | \$ 199,880.00 | Advanced<br>Manufacturing |
| Flexware<br>Innovation                   | Fishers    | Hamilton | 28         | 1        | \$ 755.00     | Project Mgmt.             |

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| French Lick Springs Resort    | French Lick  | Orange      | 313 | 66 | \$ | 140,050.00 | EPA HVAC Cert., Mgmt & Supervisory Cert. |
| Lucent Polymer - Evansville   | Evansville   | Vanderburgh | 105 | 15 | \$ | 32,035.00  | CDC's in Lab, Maint. & Supervisor        |
| Lucent Polymer - Poseyville   | Poseyville   | Posey       | 65  | 13 | \$ | 31,583.00  | CDC's in Lab, Maint. & Supervisor        |
| Spectrum Container            | Evansville   | Vanderburgh | 41  | 30 | \$ | 197,980.00 | Cert of Adv. Mfg.                        |
| Rutter Communications Network | Muncie       | Delaware    | 24  | 5  | \$ | 5,795.00   | Adobe After Effect Cert.                 |
| Truck City of Gary            | Gary         | Lake        | 60  | 38 | \$ | 190,040.00 | Diesel Mech. Trg., Parts Expert          |
| TelSpan Inc.                  | Indianapolis | Marion      | 40  | 9  | \$ | 21,467.00  | Customized IT Certs.                     |
| Web Converting of Fort Wayne  | Fort Wayne   | Allen       | 47  | 47 | \$ | 145,600.00 | NIST MEP – Adv. Mfg. Cert.               |

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve worker skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 26 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

As a result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in February, 2005, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) replaced the Department of Commerce as the premier entity charged with state economic development. IEDC has a 12 member board chaired by Gov. Mitch Daniels.